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OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MAY 4, 2011

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In attendance: Brian Barber, Lisa Decker, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Ann LeRoy, David White.

This was a short meeting (7-8 p.m.) because of Town Meeting at 8 p.m.
Minutes of the previous meeting were not reviewed.

The meeting focused on the upcoming presentation to Town Meeting about Mill Brook. Instead of a PowerPoint presentation, Ann will mention Mill Brook in her Open Space Committee report, and a map and pictures will be displayed in the corridor of Town Hall.

Lisa will make a larger copy of her map, which now fits on two "landscape" pages.

Brian Barber has a collection of pictures. We discussed which ones to use, and what additional pictures we need. The likely date for the presentation is the week of May 15.

The map will be labeled a "Vision" rather than a "Plan" since it presents ideas and possibilities rather than a definite plan, and that word may unnecessarily antagonize people who may not like all the ideas shown. The term "linear park" was also questioned, but it is apparently used for some parks that are not contiguous.

We want two copies of everything – map and pictures, display-sized. One could be in the library, and one used again for future events such as Town Day.

Some ideas for future activities were brought up: something like the Spy Pond Committee's program where a number of people talked about their early experiences at the pond; and a cleanup along the brook, enlisting the Boy Scouts.